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For : VACUUM MASSAGE DEVICE COMPRISING THE AFFUSION OF
WATER OR ANY OTHER SUITABLE LIQUID



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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby brings the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. An English language copy of the International Search Report conducted in International Application No. PCT/FR03/00683 filed March 4, 2003, which is a counter part of the instant application, was forwarded to the Examiner on October 13, 2004. In particular, the International Examiner cited:

- 1) French Patent No. FR 2,659,851
- 2) Great Britain Patent No. GB 330 461 A
- 3) French Patent No. FR 2,792, 524
- 4) U.S. Patent No. 2,238,541 A

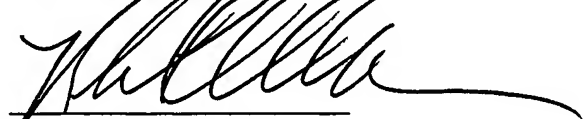
Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449 identifying items (1)-(4). The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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